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Application No. : 10/646,735

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For : LENS BARREL INCORPORATING THE ADVANCING/RETRACTING MECHANISM

Mail Stop Amendment

Group Art Unit : 2851

Examiner : David M. Gray

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop _____

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401 Dulany Street

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

_____ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

_____ A Request for Extension of Time.

X A Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and references cited.

_____ No additional fee is required.

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Sir :

Prior to examination of the above-noted application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the present Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Amendment.